

# AMERICANS FAR BEYOND PARRAL; SUPPLIES SENT OVER RAILROAD

Villa Believed in Mountain Fastnesses of Durango, if Chieftain Is Alive, Is Credited Rumor.

## ADVANCE CAVALRY IS GETTING NECESSITIES

Shipment of Forage for Pershing's Horses, From El Paso to Chihuahua, Is Undertaken.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)  
El Paso, Texas, April 12.—That the American expeditionary force has penetrated far beyond Parral and is not actually at the Chihuahua-Durango border line is indicated in code dispatches received here this afternoon by private concerns with interests in the Parral district.

These dispatches said that the American advanced columns now had a temporary base near Parral and that toward the end of last week two companies of motor truck trains had delivered supplies at this base. This is the first authentic information that has come from the flying columns of Colonel Dorr and Brown for several days.

In Mountain Fastnesses.

It seems certain now that Villa, if he still lives, has passed into the mountain fastnesses of Durango and that he is in a position to get in touch with the scattered bandit forces of that district.

There are twenty-seven trucks in each motor company. The delivery of fifty-four trucks indicates that the advanced cavalry has sufficient supplies available to make long forays south.

It is not believed here, however, that the forces of Colonel Dorr and Brown have passed the Durango line. To do so would lengthen the line of communication too dangerously. It is more likely they have remained in touch with their supplies at Parral. This would account for the lack of information from the front the past week.

More Supplies for Army.

Simultaneously with the news that supplies had been sent as far south as the neighborhood of Parral came the information today that General Pershing had ordered a trainload of supplies for shipment to Chihuahua City, there to be sold to General Pershing's troops.

This train, consisting of nine cars, loaded mostly with hay and oats, got away this afternoon.

News of the arrival of the train at Chihuahua City is anxiously awaited here by both business men and the army. It is felt that if shipments can be made safely to Chihuahua City, railway transportation may be extended even farther south.

Good Auto Road.

While nothing is obtainable regarding General Pershing's announcement at San Antonio that the army soon would make a change that would effect the line of communications, it is suggested that there is at least one route out of El Paso that would meet the needs of the army, particularly if the railroads are not to be fully and openly used for transportation. This is an automobile road that leaves the border southeast of El Paso, Texas, follows a course some 150 miles long that ends in Chihuahua City.

The army has heard from various private individuals that this is an excellent automobile road, far superior to the Columbus-Casas Grandes road.

Reports have been emanating recently from Presidio, Texas, that a 200 mile road from the border to Chihuahua City soon would be utilized by the army as a line of communications.

If a new line of communication is established, it is pointed out here, new troops might be used in putting it into effect. This would permit the utilization of the troops along the present line of communications for the reinforcing of General Pershing's advanced columns.

# NOTED AUTHOR AND JOURNALIST DIES SUDDENLY

Richard Harding Davis Is Stricken at Country Home; Brilliant Career as War Correspondent Ended.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)  
Mount Kisco, N. Y., April 12.—Richard Harding Davis, author and war correspondent, died at his home here last night from heart trouble. His body was found early this morning and he had apparently been stricken while on his telephone.

He had gone into his library to dictate a telegram to a friend in New York City. His wife assumed, when he did not return, that he had seated himself to read and did not visit the library until after midnight. Mr. Davis had been in failing health for some time and had sought quiet at his home place, Crook Roads farm, under the care of his wife, who was Bessie McCoy, the actress.

Richard Harding Davis, one of the most popular of American writers, a playwright also and a veteran correspondent of five wars, including the Russo-Japanese war, died at the age of 44. He was born in Philadelphia in 1872. In 1893 Mr. Davis married Cecil Clark, daughter of J. M. Clark of Chicago, and was divorced by her in 1912. A few days later Mr. Davis married Miss McCoy, who was the famous Yama Yama girl in a popular musical comedy. A daughter, Hope Davis, was born.

After being educated at Lehigh and Johns Hopkins universities, Mr. Davis entered journalism, starting with the Philadelphia Press and later serving in the New York Evening Sun. He was correspondent during the Russo-Japanese war, Spanish-American war, and the London Times and the New York Herald, and during the present war he was correspondent for the syndicate.

One of his earliest and most widely read books, "Soldiers of Fortune," was published in 1899, and in succeeding years he wrote more than thirty volumes of fiction and war experiences, together with a number of plays and numerous short stories.

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# AEROPLANE IS SEEN HEADED TOWARDS PARRAL

Torreon, Mexico, April 12.—An aeroplane passed over Santa Rosalia today.

# The Day in Congress

**SENATE.**  
Met at noon.  
Resumed debate on army reorganization bill.  
Sinal investigation continued.  
Adopted Senator Lodge's resolution asking Secretary Daniels for copies of correspondence between him and the navy general board, which he refused to produce before the house naval committee.  
Defeated, 47 to 21, motion to eliminate provision for manufacture of fertilizer in time of peace in the pending amendment to the army bill for hydro-electric nitrogen plant.  
Adjourned at 5:55 p. m. to 11 a. m. Thursday.

**HOUSE.**  
Met at noon.  
Discussed calendar Wednesday business.  
Miss Margaret Wilson advocated a bill before a committee to permit using school buildings for community purposes.  
Passed bill authorizing federal government to accept ownership of the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln in Indiana.  
Adjourned at 8:15 p. m. to 11 a. m. Thursday.

## THE WEATHER

**WEATHER FORECAST.**  
Denver, Colo., April 12.—New Mexico: Thursday unsettled and somewhat colder; Friday probably fair.

**LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.**  
For twenty-four hours, ending at 6 p. m. yesterday.  
Maximum temperature, 65 degrees; minimum, 39 degrees; range, 26 degrees; temperature at 6 p. m., 48 degrees; southeast wind; cloudy; trace of rain.

## CITY BANK CLEARINGS.

Yesterday  
\$49,399.25.

## JAP LINER, BELIEVED LOST, IS NOW IN PORT

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)  
San Francisco, April 12.—The Japanese freighter Ido Maru which sailed from Puget Sound February 25 for Vladivostok, explosives being included in her \$2,000,000 cargo, limped into Honolulu today with a broken rudder post, according to a message received by the Merchants' Exchange. April 8. Lloyd's at London received a Kobe cablegram saying the Ido Maru was twelve days overdue at the Russian port.

**Wichita Telegraph Is Working.**  
Washington, April 12.—Brigadier General Seaman, chief of the signal corps said today that the field telegraph bureau now was working regularly from Columbus to Casas Grandes, one hundred and twenty miles and that more than 9,000 words of dispatches were handled yesterday.

**Knox Candidate for Senate.**  
Harrisburg, Pa., April 12.—Philander C. Knox today filed papers at the office of the secretary of the commonwealth certifying that he is a candidate for the nomination of United States senator on the republican ticket.

# LARGE BAND OF VILLISTAS RAID SIERRA MOJADA; TOWN IS NOTED

Bandit Chieftain Himself Believed Leading Force Which May Number One Thousand or More.

## AMERICAN CHASE TO SOUTHWARD FRUITLESS

May Have Selected Desert as Location for Concentration of All Former and Scattered Followers.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)  
El Paso, Texas, April 12.—A large band of Villistas, numbering several hundreds and possibly a thousand, have sacked Sierra Mojada, five miles across the Concho line and eighty miles east of Jimenez, destroying many thousands of dollars of American property and looting the town of everything of value.

This news, which may prove to be of the highest importance as it is believed possible Villa himself was among the raiders, was received here today by the representative of one of the largest American mining concerns in Mexico, and is accepted by him as absolutely authentic. The bandits made their attack on the town on April 8th. They came from Escalon, a junction point on the Mexican National railroad, sixty miles southeast of Sierra Mojada, and about an equal distance southwest of Sierra Mojada, with which it is connected by the Mexican Northern railroad. On their way to Sierra Mojada they sacked the small town of Corralito.

The belief that Villa himself may be directing the operations of the bandits is supported by a report received today from Ojinaga stating that Colonel Rojas, the commander there, had information that Villa had doubled in his tracks and was 200 miles southwest of that town.

Ojinaga is directly across the border from Presidio, Texas, and about 130 miles north of Sierra Mojada.

Another circumstance that gives color to the location of the bandit chief is the fact that Canuto Reyes, at the head of a large number of men, was reported from Torreon a week ago to be traveling south in the direction of Sierra Mojada. It was the belief at the time in Torreon that Villa's notorious ally was on his way to join the brigand-in-chief.

**Americans Hoodwinked.**  
If it proves true, Villa has completely hoodwinked the American troops who have been driving south at an amazing speed and are today reported from the most reliable sources to be well south of Parral and very close to the Durango border.

Sierra Mojada is 140 miles east of the nearest point at which American troops are known to be. It is on the eastern side of a vast desert, known as the Bolson de Mapim and south of another dreary, waterless waste called Bolson de Los Lipanes. Its only connection with the west is by the Mexican Northern railroad, along which the Villistas advanced, burning bridges, destroying telegraph lines and tearing up the tracks as far as they were able.

**No Raid on Presidio Feared.**  
Little credence is given reports here from Ojinaga that Villa plans to turn north and attempt a raid on Presidio. It is believed far more probable that the bandit, if he is at Sierra Mojada, has chosen that desolate and almost inaccessible spot for the concentrating of his forces and those of Canuto Reyes with the intention of sweeping down in force on Torreon after the American troops are withdrawn from Mexico. Numerous reports from Mexican sources say that Villa is convinced the soldiers of the United States will soon be recalled and that he will be then able to rally all the anti-Carrancista factions in northern Mexico to his standard.

# GERMANS SHOWER SHELLS ON FORTS BARRING WAY TO COVETED VERDUN

Infantry Held in Leash Until Artillery Preparation Is Completed Against Tenaciously Held Positions.

## DESPERATE FIGHTING ON BRITISH FRONT

Italians Make Notable Gains Over Austrians; Russian Advance in Asia Is Continuous.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)  
The Germans northwest of Verdun, evidently are holding in leash their infantry for fresh attacks in their endeavors to capture hill 204 and Le Mort Homme, key points which are tenaciously barring their way to the fortress.

The infantry has remained idle in their trenches while the big guns are showering shells on the region embracing the triangle formed by hill 204, Bone and Le Mort Homme. Not even a rally by the Germans in this district is reported in the latest French official communication.

**Quiet About Douaumont.**  
Comparative quiet prevails to the east of the Meuse around Douaumont and Vaux, where there recently has been much vicious fighting. No infantry attacks have been made by either side and the activity of the artillery has been less marked than on previous days.

Artillery operations and grenade fighting have taken place in the Argonne forest, during which the French captured the southern edge of two craters near Les Courtes Chaussees.

# FINAL WORD ON SUBMARINES TO BE FORWARDED TO BERLIN SOON

Reply to Washington's Inquiry Admits Attack on Three Merchant Ships Carrying Americans.

## PRACTICALLY ADMITS TORPEDOING SUSSEX

Germany to Be Presented With Array of Evidence Tending to Show Promises Are Worthless.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)  
Washington, April 12.—Admission by Germany that her submarines recently attacked three merchant ships carrying American citizens and that one of them involved a vessel in the vicinity of the state where the steamer Sussex was damaged by an explosion, has simplified the task of the state department in preparing for the next step of the United States in the issue over submarine warfare.

Following the receipt in cabinet press dispatches of the latest German note, it became known that the United States would continue to compile information indicating that German submarines are operating in violation of rules of international law and that very soon a communication, designed to be the final word of the American government on the subject would go forward to Berlin.

The state department virtually has completed the collection of facts relating to all attacks on merchant ships since the Lusitania. Further evidence in the case of the Sussex, forwarded by the American embassies at London and Paris, is to arrive on the liner St. Paul, Friday. It is understood that instructions to Ambassador Gerard, accompanied by the information gathered by the department, will go forward soon thereafter.

The unofficial text of the note from Germany was communicated to President Wilson and Secretary Lansing tonight. The official text was expected tonight. It will be considered by the cabinet at its regular meeting on Friday.

Officials made it clear tonight that whatever might be the form of the instructions to Ambassador Gerard, the purpose of the document is to hand the German government would be to give notice that the United States considers it has a great array of evidence tending to prove that in spite of reiterated assurances and pledges given by Germany peace-loving merchant ships carrying American citizens, or which might have some aboard, continue to be the victims of illegal attacks.

**No Doubt as to Sussex.**  
Officials said the statements in the German note would be very carefully examined and compared with the evidence already before the state department in preparing the case of the United States. In view of the admission that a German submarine was in the vicinity when the Sussex was attacked and the array of evidence pointing to conclusion that she was torpedoed, little doubt is felt here as to responsibility for that disaster, despite the explanation that a sketch made by the submarine commander had been forwarded to the state department by the description of the Sussex.

**No Debate With Germany.**  
There is no disposition on the part of President Wilson and Secretary Lansing to enter into a debate of the submarine issue with Germany. It is declared that the principles contended for by the United States in a series of notes have been made clear, and that Germany has been sufficiently warned that further attacks in violation of international law would be considered directly and friendly acts.

The possibility of a break in diplomatic relations with Germany coupled with an exposition of the situation by the president to congress, is constantly in the background, but the president was represented tonight as being earnestly desirous of avoiding such a step if possible, and determined not to act hastily.

Four American horse-handlers were

# REINFORCEMENTS MAY BE SENT TO PERSHING WHEN FUNSTON WISHES

Concentration of Carranza Troops Near Border Viewed With Some Concern by Washington Authorities.

## RAILROADS IN USE TO FORWARD SUPPLIES

War Department Has No Confidence in Report of Villa's Death; de Facto Government Is Co-operating.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)  
Washington, April 12.—Further increase of the United States forces in Mexico is again prominent in official consideration. It was learned tonight that upon the return here of Secretary Baker and other officials there might be important developments.

In this connection, it was officially stated that General Pershing's future movements in the hunt for Villa would include adequate preparations for any eventuality. Strengthening of the line of communication, for which troops are needed principally, has proceeded with that end in view.

Late today confidential advisers were received from General Funston, understood to refer to the question of the line of communication. Despite increased use of Mexican railways in shipping supplies, reported today, there was no statement in any official quarter that the strength of the motor truck service would be in the least decreased.

**Carranza Troop Movement.**  
Concern of army officials on the border regarding movement of Carranza troops toward Casas Grandes was reflected to some extent in official quarters here tonight. It was officially stated that General Funston had complete authority for any movement of troops on the border to safeguard the United States advance columns and their lines. General Scott, chief of staff, while denying that any orders to send more troops into Mexico had yet been issued, declared General Funston did need such authority from Washington and had carte blanche to move any force in the southern division.

Persistent report that the use of the national guard was contemplated, drew a statement on high authority that the president was not considering such a step, and that only in the event of more widespread military operations than the mere chase of Villa and his outlaws, would the regulars need support.

**Rumors of Villa's Death Scouted.**  
Problems of maintaining General Pershing's lines and transportation of supplies tonight overshadowed the actual pursuit of Villa. Neither the state nor war department had any further information regarding rumors of Villa's death. The report was scouted in all official quarters as a futile hoax to gain time for Villa.

It was stated that the use of the Mexican Central, or National railway from Juarez, as well as the Mexico Northwestern line, might largely solve transportation problems. The first use of the Mexican Central was made yesterday and also shipment was understood here to have been made for the first time by an American official directly, the El Paso quartermaster, without resorting to the subterfuge of consigning through brokers or mining concerns.

Officials asserted that use of the Mexican Central road was not formally requested by this government from the de facto government. It was explained, however, that objection by Carranza to this "commercial" use of the Mexican Central was not anticipated or even indicated in past negotiations. All recent dispatches to the state department are declared to show friendly co-operation of the de facto government in connection with the American expedition, including co-operation of military forces, shipment of arms and ammunition for the Carranza government have gone from New York, Laredo and Nogales.

# CHINESE MILLIONAIRE JOINS REVOLUTION

(Associated Press Correspondence.)  
Peking, March 10.—Kao Er-ting, a Hanckow millionaire, who was very prominent in the 1911 revolution, is reported to have left his native province of Chekiang and joined the insurgent movement in Yunnan.

Kao Er-ting participated in the attack on the Kiangnan arsenal at Shanghai during the 1911 revolution, and contributed liberally from his great fortune to the revolutionaries.

He is the owner of many millions of dollars worth of property in South China, and has a picturesque villa on the Western lake near Hangchow, which is one of the show places in Chekiang province.

# EFFORT TO HAVE HUGHES ENTER POLITICS SCORED

Senator Works Denounces Those Republicans Who Would Bring Supreme Court Into Disrepute.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)  
Washington, April 12.—Senator Works, republican, today coupled an attack on the army bill with a denunciation of politicians who, he declared, were trying to tempt Justice Hughes with a presidential nomination.

"Partisan politics," declared the California senator, "is ruthless in its demands and invades the most sacred precincts of the national government. It is seeking place and pelf and power wherever it can find entrance."

Just now it is attempting to invade the supreme court of the United States. It is presenting to a member of that body the greatest temptation that could be offered to an American citizen—to surrender his place on the bench and become a candidate for political office. This attempt to bring the highest judicial tribunal of the country or any member of it into political disrepute is not only by the member to whom the tempting offer is made but by the whole country.

"To my mind it is of the gravest importance that the great tribunal should be separated absolutely and forever from politics, candidacy for office or any interest in elections beyond that of the disinterested and patriotic private citizen."

Whether Justice Hughes is going to allow his name to be used as a candidate, said Senator Works, "is of profound interest and of great importance to the country at large. Whether once man or another is named to the bench of this high tribunal is compared with the question whether the name of the members of the supreme court can be used to advance the interest or secure the success of any political party."

Senator Works' remarks brought approval from Senator Thomas, democrat, of Colorado.

# 4 MEN CHARGED WITH TRYING TO BURN STEAMER

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)  
New York, April 12.—Four men were arrested here tonight by agents of the department of justice charged with having manufactured "fire bombs" which were placed in the cargo of the steamer Kirk Oswald of the Fabre line on or about May 2, last.

One of the men arrested gave the name of Charles von Kleist and declared he was a professional employee of General von Briesen of the German army, who was killed in battle in December, 1914. He gave his age as 37 years. The others were Ernest Becker, 32 years old, an electrician on the steamship line; Friedrich Der Grosse, 34 years old, superintendent of the Atlas steamship line; and Captain Ennohede, 49 years old, superintendent of the Hamburg-American line steamship line at Hoboken, N. J.

## MISS WILSON PLEADS FOR SCHOOL REFORMS

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)  
Washington, April 12.—Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the president, before a house committee today advocated a bill to permit the use of District of Columbia school houses for community forums. The measure has aroused opposition, particularly in the local school board.

"We are maintaining," Miss Wilson said, "that a meeting of citizens is as important as a meeting of their representatives and it should have the same machinery with which to work as congress."

## PRISONERS IDENTIFIED AS VILLA RAIDERS

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)  
Columbus, N. M., April 12.—The six Villistas brought to the border last night under heavy guard have been identified positively by soldiers and townspeople as having participated in the raid on Columbus March 9. Major W. R. Sample, commander of the base, announced tonight.

It was determined also that one of the prisoners, who had claimed to be a Carrancista soldier captured by Villa, was a member of Villa's band when it raided Columbus, having deserted the de facto troops.

It was announced the men will be held here pending an investigation as to the legal steps to be taken in prosecuting them.

Inclement weather conditions hampered wireless communication with the front today, but military authorities here expressed no concern and asserted that General Pershing probably is pushing his campaign rapidly farther into the interior of Mexico and that it is possible that some of the troops are operating on the Durango border.

Military men of rank here say they believe the conclusion of the campaign is yet months away. Fear of them take stock in the possibility of the expeditionary force being withdrawn. Much interest, however, is manifested in the proposals to increase the force, it being pointed out that the line of communication now is more than 400 miles long.

## DANISH LINERS TAKEN INTO BRITISH PORT

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)  
London, April 12 (4:55 p. m.)—The Danish liners United States, New York March 30 for Christiania, and Hellig Olav, bound for Copenhagen for New York both carrying passengers, mails and general cargoes have been taken into Kierkegaard.

The following merchantmen also have been taken into the Scottish port:

The American steamship Brindilla, Philadelphia March 21 for Stockholm, with a cargo of oil, and the Norwegian steamers Romslundsfjord, New York March 21, for Christiania with a general cargo, and Sola, New York March 24 for Christiania with a cargo of oil.

## Denounces "Traitor" Dukes.

London, April 12 (5:09 p. m.)—Swift Macniff suggested in the house of commons today that an act be passed springing the "traitor" Dukes of Cumberland and Albany, cousins of King George, who are serving with the German army, of their British peerages. Premier Asquith replied he did not believe the time had come when such legislation should be introduced, but he said he was already had been asked by the Garter

# FINANCIAL PROSPERITY OF NATION SURPASSES ANYTHING IN HISTORY

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)  
Washington, April 12.—Financial prosperity and strength is greater in the United States today than ever before and is rising rapidly to new levels, according to the interpretation placed by the comptroller of the currency on figures made public tonight showing conditions on March 7, the date of the last bank call in the country's national banks. Here is what the returns show:

Total resources of national banks, \$12,828,000,000; an increase of \$2,271,000,000, or 20 per cent, within a year.

Total deposits, \$10,730,000,000; an increase of \$2,138,000,000, or nearly 25 per cent, within a year, and an increase of \$411,000,000 since December 31, last.

An increase of \$990,000,000 in loans and discounts within a year.

Surplus and undivided profits of \$1,031,275,000, an increase of \$18,000,000.

The increase in resources within the past twelve months alone, Comptroller Williams pointed out in a statement tonight, exceeds the entire resources of the reichsbank of Germany; and the aggregate resources of American national banks, "exceed by \$3,000,000,000 the aggregate resources of the Bank of England, the Bank of France, the Bank of Russia, the

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reichsbank of Germany, the Bank of France, the Bank of Russia, the Bank of Italy, the Bank of Japan.

As recently as 1890, the statement says, the entire amount on deposit in national banks within the United States was less than the increase in deposits within the past twelve months.

Total reserves held by national banks March 7, were \$2,287,000,000. This is \$992,000,000 more than the low record and is more than \$100,000,000 in excess of the greatest surplus reserve ever held before.

"It is conservatively estimated," reads the comptroller's statement, "that the surplus reserve now held by the national banks would be sufficient to give a further loaning power of from \$2,000,000,000 to \$3,000,000,000 should the growth and development of commerce, agriculture or industry call for so huge an enlargement of credit."

Notwithstanding the Anglo-French loan of \$500,000,000 and the loans made to other foreign powers, amounting to several hundred million dollars additional in which our banks have participated, there are no indications of unsound inflation or excessive loans, and the national banks of the country have never been in a stronger position than they are at this time."

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San Antonio, Tex., April 12.—Further aid in more men for his operations against Villa, believed now to have affected a juncture with his forces tonight in view of the announcement today of tentative arrangements for the shipment of supplies over the Mexican Central railroad.

Whether the somewhat vague understanding entered into between American officers and Carranza authorities for the movement of supplies considered as ordinary freight, is a success, was considered doubtful in some quarters, but by headquarters officials it was deemed worthy of trial.

Higher officials in Mexico do not interfere with the arrangement it was recognized that it will go far towards alleviating a situation that quarters of arms and ammunition was rapidly becoming acute, but since the request for the use of the railroads was made the military situation has so changed, military men declare, that even greater use of the railroads must be had if the campaign against the bandit chief and his thousands of followers is carried to a logical finish.

Reports reached General Funston from El Paso late today that a train of supplies left Juarez for Chihuahua this afternoon under the new arrangement.

General Funston continued without